

Dear Mr. Powell

I have been disabled for over 5 years and have had 6 spinal surgeries. As you can imagine, I have great difficulties moving around. I used to cringed when the phone rang, as it did 25-30 times a day most days. If I was LUCKY, one of those phone calls was actually someone who knew me!

Yet, because we had elderly parents I could not ignore the ringing of the phone! Then Indiana did something very courageous, for lack of a better word. We have a very stringent "Do Not Call" list. Finally! I did not have to dread the ring of that phone anymore! Then the federal government took notice and decided to give the same options to ALL citizens! But, alas, when the bill finally became a law, it was weakened by special interests groups. Now one of those same groups is attempting to pre-empt state law! You cannot set precedent in "trumping" the state law. Those same banks used to call me with offers of credit cards, equity loans, insurance, etc. I HAVE A BANK which I do business with. I do not want to be bothered by banks I will never do business with. And what special interest group will ask you to water down our state law(s) next? States must retain self-governance as much as possible. Please spare me from unwanted phone calls. Thank you.